

Docket No. 47756-CIP1-DIV (70184)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: R. Formato et al.
SERIAL NO. 09/750,402 EXAMINER: Raymond Alejandro
FILED: December 28, 2000 GROUP: 1745
FOR: COMPOSITE SOLID POLYMER ELECTROLYTE MEMBRANES

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REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

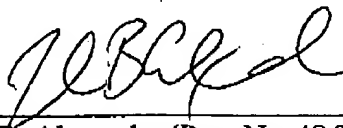
Applicants are in receipt of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 14, 2003. Enclosed is the entire "Amendments to the claims" section of the Amendment filed October 2, 2003 in which claim 118 was indicated as "Previously Added". The designation "Previously Added" which was included in claim 118 has been replaced with "Previously Presented."

Applicants believe that the prior response was a *bona fide* attempt to reply to the office action.

Although it is not believed that any additional fees are needed to consider this submission, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account no. 04-1105 should any fee be deemed necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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